Implementation of rural development schemes by Government of Assam

859. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the money spent out of total national budget allocation for rural development of Assam during the current financial year;

(b) the total budget earmarked for the tribal areas of Assam and the progress of implementation of schemes under the various programmes undertaken by the Ministry; and

(c) how successful has the State Government been in implementation of schemes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) During the current financial year Central funds amounting to Rs. 823.53 crores have been allocated under various Rural Development Schemes for the State Government of Assam. Against this Central allocation, Rs. 28.46 crores have so far been released under various Rural Development Schemes to the State Government. As per reports received from the State Government of Assam for the current year upto May, 2002, Rs. 25.82 crores have been utilized under various Rural Development Schemes.

(b) Under the various Rural Development Schemes, budget for the tribal areas has not been earmarked separately. However, the Ministry has made specific provisions, in the guidelines of the Rural Development Schemes being implementeo^to-eQsure adequate flow of resources to the Scheduled Castes and ScheduledTrtoes.

(c) The report received from the State Government of Assam suggests that Rs. 499.74 crores were utilized during the year 2001 -2002.

Recommendation of Central team to continue Food for Work Programme in A.P.

860. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central team which toured Andhra Pradesh in May, 2002 recommended continuation of Food for Work scheme in the State;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the team; and